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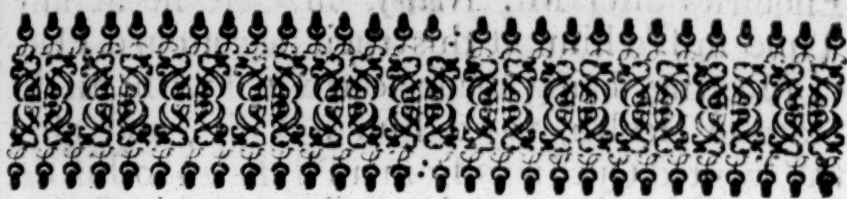
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IN the Year 1707, Mr. Nutley, whom we have already mention'd, as one of the Doctor's intimate Acquaintance, and who, by his free Conversation with the best of Quality, had plung'd himself into some Difficulties which he could not easily get rid of, took his Circumstances so much at Heart, that they flung him into an Indisposition which caus'd him to keep his Chamber. This Gentleman, it seems, tho' possess'd of Chambers in the *Temple*, had made it his Choice to take up his Lodgings at the *Mitre-Tavern* in *Fleet-street*, induc'd thereto, as the Discourse then ran, by Dispositions in Favour of one Mrs. *Watts*, whose Husband some small Time before kept the said House, and who was Daugh-

ter to the Widow *Bowles*, then possess'd of it. Hereupon, the Doctor, who was constant in his Enquiries after Mr. *Nutley*, in Case he at any Time mis'd him at this their accusom'd Place of Meeting, being made acquainted with his ill State of Health, pay'd him a Visit; and after the wonted Questions from a Physician to his Patient, which he receiv'd Answers to, in such a Manner, as shew'd his Indisposition to be rather in the Mind, than the Body; tho' he did all he could to conceal the Knowledge of his Condition from a Friend who was able to set him right, in more than one Sense, left him, with Assurances of prescribing such a Remedy as should infallibly cure him. Accordingly, going into another Room, he dispatch'd his Man to his Goldsmith for two hundred Guineas; which being sent him, he put them into a green Purse, with the following Letter.

My dear BILLY,

T *Hink not that I deal in the Black Art, if I have consulted other Means than the Beat of the Pulse, for a true State of your Distemper. It is unkind, very unkind, for one Friend to conceal those Circumstances from another, which are the only Touch-stones of true Sterling Friendship; I have therefore flung off all Manner of Disguise, and open'd my self plainly to you, that you may do the same by me upon all Occasions. In a Word, Merit and good Fortune are not always Attendants upon one another; and I clearly perceive, that your Generosity of Soul is too large for your Estate: Therefore since Remittances from Brother Dick in Ireland may not come soon enough to discharge present Incumbrances, I shall take it as a Fa-*
vour,

your, if you will make Use of the small Sum that bears this Company, for the Support of a Spirit, which, if once depress'd, will rob all that know you of the best Comfort of their Lives. These Pieces of Money have 300 more of the same Complexion at your Service, if you shall think them to be of Use to you; therefore draw upon me, and your farther Demands shall be answer'd; for I am not such a Niggard, as to prefer Mountains of Gold to the Conversation of a Person, that gives Gaiety even to old Age, and Vivacity of Temper to the most Splenetick. The Effects of this Prescription will be known, by your Readiness to give us your Company in the old Room, where you will find the Earl of Denbeigh, Lords Colpeper and Stawel, with Mr. Blackmore, and myself, who am,

My Dear BILLY,

Your most affectionate Servant,

and assur'd Friend,

JOHN RADCLIFFE.



Mr. Nutley's Answer.

S I R,

YOUR Manner of engaging me to be free with you, is so very powerful, that I can hide nothing from you; but must own, that you have perfectly hit upon the Nature of my Distemper, at the same Time that I blush for the Cause of it. What you have already sent, is sufficient to place my Affairs in such a State,

State, as to be out of the Reach of Disquiet, and shall be repay'd, with Thanks, upon the first Return of Monies from the Kingdom you mention. In the mean Time, tho' I am but too consciou: of your over-rating the Value of my poor Company; common Gratitude obliges me to make all possible Haste to give it you; especially, since as an Addition to the Satisfaction I shall have in your agreeable Conversation, I am to be bless'd with that of the Noble Lords, and worthy Gentleman, Yours has promis'd. Your Aurum Potabile has had such an Effect upon my Spirits, that I am impatient 'till I am dress'd, and of letting you know personally, that I am, with the greatest Thankfulness,

S I R,

Your most oblig'd,

And most humble Servant,

W. NUTLEY.

By Remittances mention'd in these Letters from the Kingdom of Ireland, the Reader is to understand, that the above-nam'd Mr. Nutley had a younger Brother there, nam'd Richard, who, by going over as Council for the Commissioners of the forfeited Estates in Ireland, had acquir'd such Practice, as to enable him to allow the said Mr. Nutley 300 l. per Annum out of the Profits, in lieu of the Possession of an Estate of his own, which brought him in but 140 l. yearly, and which his said Brother was fearful of its being alienated from the Family by Sale or Mortgage, through the other's expensive Way of Living.

Yet,

Yet, tho' the Doctor was given to understand, by the Contents of the foregoing Letter, that the Money already advanc'd, was sufficient to make the Person, whom he had oblig'd with it, very easy, and should be return'd upon the first Opportunity, he was so sensible of the Gentleman's Modesty, whom he had so honourably oblig'd, that he not only press'd upon him, and obtain'd his Acceptance of the other 300 Guineas, without any Thoughts of Payment, and had actually bequeath'd him a Legacy of 1500*l.* to be pay'd him annually by quarterly Payments, during Life. But the great Dispenser of Providence had decreed otherwise; and that unfortunate Gentleman, who knew no Bounds to a Freedom which he made too licentious an Use of, had so fretted out a strong and healthful Constitution, into its last Decays, that, in six Weeks after, notwithstanding all the Art and Assiduity of the Doctor to master his Distemper, and get the upper-hand of it, no Medicines were sufficient for his Recovery from a violent Fever, which carry'd him off in the 29th Year of his Age, to the great Regret of all true Lovers of Wit, and other social Virtues, than whom none knew better than him to distinguish himself in the Exercise of, and no Gentleman ever went to the Grave more lamented, especially by his Friend and Benefactor, who made appear that his Acts of Humanity were as well exerted in the just Praises of the Dead, as in the Support of the Living, in the following Letter to the late Lord C^o.

My very good LORD,

I Had answer'd yours of the 27th Ult. much sooner, could I have done my self that Honour, by an Opportunity of sending you any Thing new : I mean not, in Relation to Matters of State, which is neither my Province, nor Inclination to be conversant in, but to Things that concern the Friendship you have hitherto been pleas'd to favour me with. Your Lordship, and the rest of your noble Acquaintance, had carry'd every Thing that was grateful to me out of Town with you, at your leaving it, but poor Will. Nutley ; and the Burial-Ring that comes inclos'd in this, will tell you, that I am now depriv'd of him, by a more fatal Accident than has occasion'd that Separation ; and which, I doubt not, will have the same melancholick Effects upon your Spirits, that it has upon mine, especially when you call to Remembrance too many agreeable Hours you have spent with him. He desir'd me, in his last Moments, to thank your Lordship, and all his Friends, in his Name, for the Favours of your Conversation ; and that you and they would, by so much the more, take Care of the Preservation of your Lives, by how much the more important they were than his, for the Service of your Country ; and he likewise request'd of you to accept this small Token of his grateful Resentments of the Honours you have all done him, in admitting him among the Number of your Acquaintance. I am also to ask the same of my good Lord of Denbeigh ; who will, no doubt, partake in the general Sorrow shewn by his Friends, for the Loss of a Person, whose Value can be only known by the Want of him, and whose Readiness to entertain us upon all Occasions, has been the chief Cause of our ceasing to be entertain'd by him, since,

had his Manner of Address in Company, been less engaging, he had been undoubtedly much longer liv'd; which may serve as a Caution to your Lordship, not to be too profuse in displaying those excellent and attracting Qualities, which hasten'd his Death, and of which, none has a greater Share than your Lordship. Thus having fulfill'd the Desire of my deceas'd Friend, or rather of one whom I had in some Measure adopted for my Son, I leave your Lordship to reflect on the Uncertainty of human Life, and the Certainty of our being gather'd to our Fathers, sooner or later, when it shall so please that divine Being, that is both the Preserver and Destroyer of Men; and has thought fit to take to himself poor Will. Nutley, who was the better Half of me, and of whose Affection and Friendship I shall always retain the most grateful Sense, while I survive his dearest Remains, and am,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's most faithful,

Bloomsbury-Square,

July 14, 1707.

A N D

Most obedient Servant,

JOHN RADCLIFFE.

P. S. Davis gives his Service to your Lordship, with his Desires, that you will not bottle off the two Hogheads of Wine, I sent you last Week, 'till he comes down, and gives Directions to your Butler.

During the Doctor's Discharge of his Senatorial Function, there was but one Session of Parliament, in which he could give his Attendance, by Reason of an Accident which the Reader will be made acquainted with at the Close of these Me-

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moirs; therefore little or nothing has been communicated to us on that Head, only, that he acted all along with, and for the then Ministers, for the Good of the Church and State, and did what he thought it behov'd him as a Christian, to promote the Honour and Interest of both, in all Debates where he was present. But as none of his Speeches are come to Hand, except two short ones, the one in favour of the *Malt-Tax Bill*, whereby the Scots were to be assess'd in Proportion to that Part of Great Britain, call'd *England*; the other of the *Bill* to prevent the Growth of *Schism*; I shall give both in their Order, as follows.

Mr. SPEAKER,

I Am sensible, that tho' I am an old Man, I am but a young Member, and therefore should defer speaking 'till my Betters have deliver'd their Sentiments; but Young and Old are oblig'd to shew their Duty to their Country, which I look upon with the Eyes of a Son to his Parent. Crassus's Son, that was Tongue-ty'd, spoke when his Father was in Danger, and I, who otherwise should have no Relish for Speech-making, do the same upon much the same Motive. The North-British Member, that spoke last, says, Their Nation has had Hardships enough put upon them in other Matters relating to the Union, not to have an Addition made to them in this Article of the *Malt-Tax*. But, by that worthy Gentleman's Leave, I must beg the Favour to say, that all the Hardships, if any, lay on the Side of *England*. For, as I take it, to give on the one Part, and to receive on the other, are two different Cases; there-

therefore it is but fitting they should refund the Equivalent we, who are such great Gainers by it, made them a Present of, or acquiesce in this Duty upon Malt, which will not come to the 20th Part of it: Since it's very reasonable, that we, who have given them Money to come and incorporate with us, ought to have it return'd us again, if they refuse to be upon equal Terms with us. This is my Sense of the Matter, therefore I am for reading the Bill a second Time.

The Doctor's SPEECH in Parliament,
for the BILL To prevent the farther
Growth of Schism, &c.

Mr. SPEAKER,

THE Gentleman who spoke last on the Side of this Bill, being one of the same Faculty with my self, I must beg Leave to offer a Word or two in behalf of what he has said; for, tho' a certain Member has been pleas'd to insinuate, that our Profession ought to be excus'd from speaking in Matters of Religion, as some Persons are from Pannels of Furies, I shall, whatsoever Limits he thinks fit to circumscribe Physicians with, not depart from that Liberty of Speech which is allow'd me as a Member of this House.

Bills have been heretofore brought into Parliament, (and may again be offer'd to its Consideration) to regulate the Practice of Physick; an Art full as foreign to the Studies of those Gentlemen, to whom the Regulation of it has been committed, as Religious Affairs can be said to be to those belonging to our Faculty; and yet wholesome Laws have been provided by them against Empyricks and Quack-Pretenders. Why then are not

we to be allow'd the same Privileges, since it is not impossible but the Business of our Calling, which sets before us in a more than ordinary Manner, the wonderful Works of Providence, entitles us to as great an Insight into Divine Speculations, as theirs who make no manner of Searches into the Operations of Nature, does them.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, to be as brief as possible, for I find one who can talk much better than me on this Head, on Tiptoe to exert himself against this Bill: I must declare that I see no Reason why the Bill should not be read a third Time, but on the Contrary, hold my self oblig'd to urge the Necessity of it; since, if Schools and Seminaries are suffer'd to be continued much longer, for the Education of Dissenters Children, the Growth of Schism may be such, as to render this House incapable of preventing it; and then good Night to our two famous Universities, that have made us the Envy and Glory of the whole Universe.

A Letter to Dr. Radcliffe, after the Death of the QUEEN, which occasion'd his to Dr. Mead.

DOCTOR,

THOU' I am no Friend of yours, but, on the Contrary, one that could wish your Destruction in a legal Way, for not preventing the Death of our most excellent Queen, when you had it in your Power to save her; yet I have such an Aversion to the taking away Mens Lives unfairly, as to acquaint you, that if you go to meet the Gentlemen you have appointed to dine with, at the Grey-Hound in Croydon, on Thursday next, you will be most certainly murder'd.

I am

I am one of the Persons engag'd in the Conspiracy, with twelve more, who are resolv'd to sacrifice you to the Ghost of her late Majesty, that crys aloud for your Blood; therefore, neither stir out of Doors on that Day, nor any other, nor think of exchanging your present Abode, for your House at Hammer-smith, since there, and every where else, we shall be in quest of you.

I am touch'd with Remorse, and give you this Notice, but take Care of your self, lest I repent of it, and give Proofs of so doing, by having it in my Power to destroy you, who am,

Your sworn Enemy,

N. G.

Dr. Radcliffe's Letter to the Earl of
D-----gh.

Cashalton, Oct. 15. 1714.

My very good Lord,

THIS being the last Time that, in all Probability, I shall ever put Pen to Paper, I thought it my Duty to employ it in writing to you, since I am now going to a Place from whence I can administer no Advice to you, and whither you, and all the rest who survive me, are oblig'd to come, sooner or later.

Your Lordship is too well acquainted with my Temper, to imagine, that I could bear the Reproaches of my Friends, and Threats of my Enemies, without laying them deeply at Heart; especially since there are no Grounds for the one, nor Foundation for the other; and you will give me Credit, when I say these Considerations alone have shorten'd my Days.

I dare

I dare persuade my self, that the Reports which have been rais'd of me, relating to my Non-Attendance on the Queen in her last Moments, are receiv'd by you, as by others of my constant and assur'd Friends, with an Air of Contempt and Disbelief; and could wish they made as little an Impression on me. But I find them to be insupportable, and have experienc'd, that tho' there are repellent Medicines for Diseases of the Body, those of the Mind are too strong and impetuous for the feeble Resistance of the most powerful Artist.

In a Word, the Decays of Nature tell me, that I cannot live fourteen Days; and the menacing Letter inclos'd, will tell you from what Quarter my Death comes. Give me Leave therefore to be in earnest, once for all, with my very good Lord, and to use my Endeavours to prolong your Life, that cannot add a Span's Length to my own.

Your Lordship knows how far an Air of Follity has obtain'd amongst you and your Acquaintance, and how many of them, in a few Tears, have dy'd Martyrs to Excess; let me conjure you therefore, for the Good of your own Soul, the Preservation of your Health, and the Benefit of the Publick, to deny your self the destructive Liberties you have hitherto taken, and which I must confess, with a Heart full of Sorrow, I have been too great a Partaker of in your Company.

You are to consider, (oh! that I had done so!) that Men, especially those of your exalted Rank, are born to nobler Exercises, than those of Eating and Drinking; and that by how much the more eminent your Station is, by so much the more accountable will you be for the Discharge of it. Nor will your Duty to God, your Country, or your self, permit you to anger the First, in robbing the Second of a Patriot and Defender

der, by not taking a due Care of the Third; which will be accounted downright Murder in the Eyes of that incens'd Deity, that will most assuredly avenge it.

The Pain that afflicts my Nerves, interrupts me from making any other Request to you, than that your Lordship would give Credit to the Words of a dying Man, who is fearful that he has been, in a great Measure, an Abettor and Encourager of your Intemperance; and would therefore, in these his last Moments, when he is most to be credited, debort you from the Pursuit of it; and that in these the Days of your Youth, (for you have many Tears yet to live, if you do not hasten your own Death) you would give Ear to the Voice of the Preacher, whom you and I, with the rest of our Company, have, in the midst of our riotous Debauches, made light of, for saying, Rejoice, O young Man in thy Youth, and let thy Heart cheer thee in the Days of thy Youth, and walk in the Ways of thy Heart, and in the Sight of thine Eyes: But know thou, that for all these Things, God will bring thee to Judgment. On which Day, when the Hearts of all Men shall be laid open, may you and I, and all that sincerely repent of acting contrary to the reveal'd Will in this Life, reap the Fruits of our Sorrows for our Misdeeds, in a blessed Resurrection; which is the hearty Prayer of,

My very good Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

And most oblig'd Servant,

JOHN RADCLIFFE.

COPIES of two LETTERS sent
from OXFORD.

Mr. CURLL,

Oxon, May 13, 1715.

UPON searching the University-Registry to BODLEY'S Library, I find that Dr. Radcliffe, in 1684, gave a Piece of Gold Money, suppos'd to be one of the very Pieces us'd by EDWARD the Confessor, in healing the King's-Evil, and another Gold Coin of King HENRY V, coin'd after the Conquest of France, as the Register, Pag. 426, (pro sua in Universitatem Benevolentia.)

Pag. 42. Vol. 2. Regist. 1700, he gave Grævius's Greek Antiquities, (ex sua erga Acad. Oxon. Benevolentia.) and Anno 1705, he gave us Cowper's Anatomy, (ex uberrima sua munificentia in Almam Matrem Academiam, cui ob egregiam in Medicina peritiam maximo est ornamento.)

You may mention these as small Specimens of Dr. Radcliffe's Love to us, and our Gratitude to him.

Yours, &c.

Mr.

Mr. CURLL,

Oxon, May 16, 1715.

I Thought it might not be improper to let you know, that in a Convocation held this Day, at two of the Clock, a Letter of Thanks, in the Name of this University, was read by Digby Cotes, A. M. and Fellow of All-Souls College, and publick Orator, compos'd by him, and agreed to be sent to Dr. Radcliffe's Executors.



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POSTSCRIPT

Concerning this

SECOND EDITION.



BEFORE I undertook the compiling of these MEMOIRS, I was sensible that all Works of this Nature were liable to Exceptions, from the Malice of some People, and the Incredulity of others, and therefore I proceeded with such Caution in the Choice of them, that might, as little as possible, expose me to the Reader's Censure. But I find, tho' I have scarce taken any Thing upon Trust, that, notwithstanding, some Cavils are set on Broach against the Legitimacy of several of the Letters contain'd in them.

Amongst

P O S T S C R I P T.

Amongst these Unbelievers, few or none seem worthy of being taken Notice of, since not one Person of Distinction (and many of the best Quality in the Kingdom have honour'd them with their Perusal) has made any Objections against their Authority. Not that I would arrogate Infallibility to my self, or think it impossible to be impos'd upon, but I have Reason to affirm, that I have taken such Precautions in the Collection, as will sufficiently justify the Truth of most Particulars, and for which I have undeniable Vouchers to attest, when call'd upon by Men of Notice and Condition, since 'tis for their Satisfaction, and only theirs, that I think my self under any Obligation of so doing.

But it really affords me no small Matter of Diversion, to observe the Officiousness of *Will Singleton*, late Servant to Dr. *Radcliffe*, who has taken upon him to give Dr. *Charlett* the Trouble of a Letter, wherein he pretends to dispute the Genuineness of all his Master's Letters, except Part of that written to the Duke of *Beaufort*. Now, tho' so indulgent a Master has over-rated the Value of his Services, by a Legacy of 50*l.* per Annum during Life, yet no Man in his right Senses can be induc'd to think, that a Gentleman of the Doctor's Character, would stoop so low as to make *Singleton* acquainted with his most intimate Secrets; or, that he, whose proper Business it was to carry those Letters, should be appriz'd of the Contents of them.

Thus far I have thought fit to premise in Vindication of the former Edition, which did not see the Light, 'till it had gone through the Hands of several of the principal Nobility and Gentry, with whom Dr. *Radcliffe* was daily conversant,

P O S T S C R I P T.

As for the additional Letters and Speeches that are now inserted, I have so good an Opinion of the Veracity of my Friends, who communicated them, that I have nothing more to add, but to acknowledge the good Offices of those Gentlemen who have assisted me in this Work, and more especially to two of Dr. *Radcliffe's* Friends, who have taken upon them the Trouble of Revising and Correcting this Edition.



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